

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF COVINGTON

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-06

## PERMIT FEE WAIVERS

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Covington businesses and certain development, construction, and renovation projects face financial hurdles due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus and associated government directives and orders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington Neighborhood Services Director, Public Works Director, and Economic Development Director recommend the temporary suspension of permit fees associated with permits commonly associated with development, construction, and renovation projects during the COVID-19 virus emergency;

WHEREAS, the City of Covington further recognizes the financial impact on local businesses, employees and its citizens resulting from both the state and federal recommendations and, more recently, the necessary actions implemented by Executive Order by Governor Beshear to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to prevent any additional financial strain on the businesses and citizens of the City of Covington during these difficult times, the City of Covington believes it to be in the best interests to temporarily suspend permit fees for dumpster permits, encroachment permits, and zoning permits under Ordinance Nos. 96.15, 96.37, and 110.07 of the City of Covington Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager after consultation with the Finance Director, has advised

the Mayor that the financial impact resulting from the proposed extension will not affect the City's ability to deliver the essential services relied upon by its citizens.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

- 1. In order to combat the financial impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the City of Covington, the fees associated with dumpster permits (Section 96.15), encroachment permits (Section 96.37) and zoning permits (150.12) are temporarily suspended.
- 2. Any project requiring a dumpster, encroachment, and/or zoning permit must still obtain the appropriate permit(s), but an applicant will not have to pay the permit fee typically associated with the permit.

This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the <u>25</u> day of March, 2020, Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:

3-25-20 Date